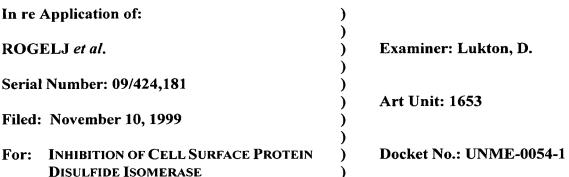
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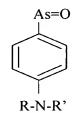
This is in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, the period for response to which is set to expire on May 5, 2003. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-26 and 28-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated below (A redlined version of each of the amended claims accompanies the present Amendment):

2. A compound having the formula:



wherein R is either H or a charged ligand containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; wherein R' is either H or a charged ligand containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and